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Weekend Weather

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
56 29 60%	63 32 10%	65 44 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

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Number of abortions per day in the United States.

Source: <http://www.abortion.no.org/Resources/fastfacts.html>

All wires are connected

GCSU increases security through new ethics hotline.

By ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

The Board of Regents has recently launched an Ethics and Reporting Hotline at GCSU. The hotline is contracted with a third party vendor called The Network.

Universities across the country, including the University of California, Michigan State and Rutgers, have engaged in hotlines on their campuses as a tool to enable faculty and staff to report unethical acts concerning financial

misconduct, safety, academic misrepresentation, and human resources.

"What we have seen with private industries is that there have been more statistics that prove that if there is some kind of mechanism that employees could go to, to report unethical acts, it has always been beneficial," Julie Guthrie-Hann, CIA internal auditor said.

Providing services to companies across the world, The Network pro-

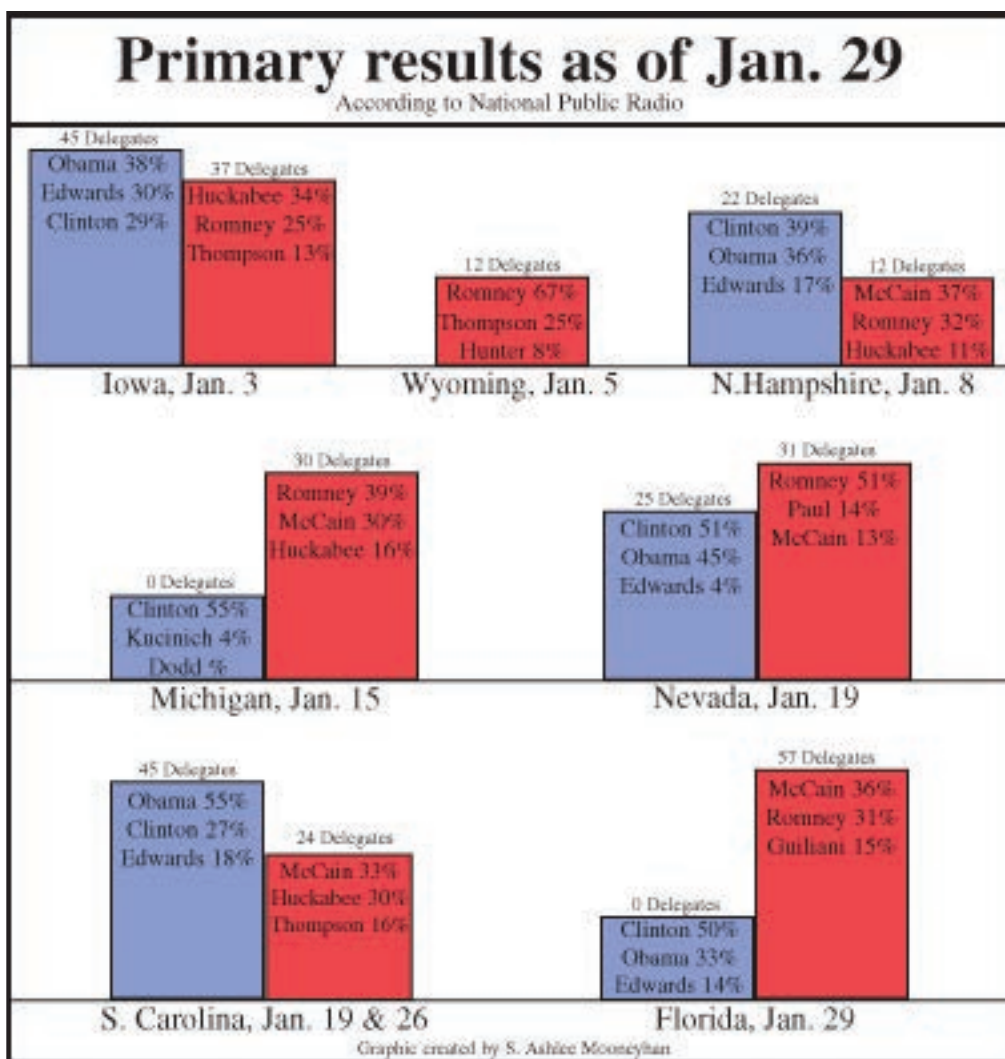
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GEORGIA PRIMARY

One for the ages Minorities shake up election



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Seven primaries have already been held. The Georgia primary will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, along with 24 other states.

By APRIL ARGO
STAFF WRITER

People have pigeon-holed politics as dry, dull and never changing. The predictability in politics has kept some people from paying attention. Taylor Barton is a sophomore early childhood education major who described her vision of politics.

"I don't follow politics because of the slander," Barton said. "It seems to be a bunch of crusty, old men that run around digging up stuff about their opponents."

The 2008 election, however, has brought up questions in peoples' minds of race, gender and viability. The upcoming elections have been deemed historic as a female candidate, Hillary Clinton, and a minority candidate, Barack Obama,

have stepped into the democratic spotlight. The press has isolated them from the other candidates, clouding the merely traditional candidates, image from the media radar. Even if voters don't say it out loud, they are asking themselves if any of this makes a difference.

Dr. Stephanie McClure is an assistant professor of sociology at GCSU. She cited entrance polls that revealed how people like to think of themselves as more open minded than they are.

"People would say that they would vote for a black candidate (going into the polls)," McClure said. "Then, the results would show that what they said they were going to do and what they actually did could not have matched."

Now, change is showing its face, and voters are

sifting through all the reasons to elect a person for president. The two candidates that spark these questions are said to be blazing trails.

Contrary to the belief of some, though, this election is not the first to see such change.

"Hillary (Clinton) is nowhere near the first woman to run for president, or even to be a pretty viable candidate. Yet, that's all you hear. It's like (the media) has no other way to pitch it that this is historic," McClure said. "It isn't historic. It has been historically true that other people in these groups at a pretty high level have stepped up. They just haven't been in this media spotlight."

For decades, women have been vying for party

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ERIN GISH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU freshman Whitman Morgan picks up his refund check from the business office last week. He also inquired about direct deposit, which will be available soon in the new student account center.

Business office opens online account center

By WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

Money and efficiency go hand in hand but GCSU figured out it was the hands that were slowing down the process. Starting Jan. 22, the business office swapped payment services from snail mail to an electronic Student Account Center.

"Bills used to be sent through the mail one time," Student Account Manager Wanda Ennis said. "There were no reminders."

The new account center allows students to see the whole picture. They can see exactly what we're seeing. It is real time information."

The reason for the switch boils down to three functions the new account center can provide that the old system could not.

First, it gives parents the ability to have their own user name and password to view the bills without having to go through their child's Mycats account. Parents simply have to go the

Mycats login page and click on the student account center parental login link to authorize them as a user.

Second, the student account center provides a better way to communicate with the family. Electronic statements are sent out to students when a bill payment is due or an update to the account has been made.

"There were so many complaints in the old system of miscommunication," Ennis said. "We are able to communicate more than one time. Some students have seven or eight mailing addresses, and it is hard to determine which one is the correct address. Also, international students have international addresses and never receive a bill. Now everyone can access their bills."

Third, the student account center provides a way for incoming freshman to pay their confirmation and housing deposit online.

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GCSU brands license plates

By AMANDA BODDY
STAFF REPORTER

It is not uncommon to see students in Georgia driving around with a license plate declaring their school spirit. Schools such as The University of Georgia and Georgia State University have license plates available to students, alumni and fans. Well, what about us? Following 24 other Georgia colleges, GCSU has recently created a license plate of its own. Available this semester, the plates can be purchased at tables set up around campus for \$25. The license plates can be picked up by those who purchased one when they applied for new tags. The plates can also be purchased when applying for new tags.

President of the Student Government Association, Ryan Greene, explains why it took so long to initiate a

GCSU license plate.

"A few years back there was a campaign, but we had to have at least 500 people commit to buying one before they could actually sell it," Greene said. "Recently, SGA brought it up to university advancement and university communications, where new plans were made."

The idea of a GCSU license plate has clearly grown in popularity in the past three or four years. More than 500 plates have already been sold through the university's alumni relations.

The design featured on the plates will consist of a GCSU column on the left and the words "Georgia College & State University" on the bottom. The decision on the design was a compromise between SGA and university advancement. Having a specialty license plate

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Primary Prep

Check out page four to learn each candidate's stance on the key issues.

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nods in hopes of being elected the first female President of the United States.

The first was Victoria Woodhull in 1872 when she was 34 years old. She ran under the Equal Rights Party. Needless to say, she was unsuccessful at being elected president, but she may have opened doors for women after her.

In 1972, Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm put in a bid for the Democratic Party nomination. She was the first black female member of the House of Representatives where she served from 1968 to 1982.

These are just two names in a list that continues to grow. In most presidential campaigns, at least one woman has placed a bid for nomination. Some of the other past candidates include Margaret Chase

Smith in 1964, Sonia Johnson in 1984 and Elizabeth Hanford Dole in 2000.

America is not the first to have a woman step out to take the lead at all.

In Iceland, a 50-year-old Vigdís Finnbogadóttir ran in the 1980 election and won becoming the first woman president in the world. She was reelected unopposed in 1984 and 1992. Finnbogadóttir was in office a total of 16 years.

America is often seen by its citizens as the most open minded and forward thinking country in the world. In reality, it lags way behind other nations in terms of the diversity of leadership.

"The public is so concerned with having a woman in power. They are afraid they won't do the things we need women to do like birth babies," McClure said.

The Philippines, for example, have now had two female presidents including current President

Gloria Macapagal Arroyo who took office in 2001. Her predecessor was Maria Corazon Aquino. She was president from 1986 to 1992.

This is not to say that there should be a female chosen in the upcoming election solely based on gender. The point is simply that there is room for thought. America lives off the notion of progressivism. The thoughts and voices of her people are what keeps her moving and changing.

Susan B. Anthony was a supporter of women's rights in the nineteenth century.

"The day will come when men will recognize woman as his peer, not only at the fireside, but in councils of the nation," Anthony once said. "Then, and not until then, will there be the perfect comradeship, the ideal union between the sexes that shall result in the highest development of the (human) race."



COURTNEY MURRAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU student Samantha Larmore reports a claim with the Network Ethics and Reporting Hotline. The line is toll free and open 24/7. to make a claim call 1-877-516-3432.

Hotline

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vides a staffed toll-free service, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Employees may also submit a claim online if they prefer to do so. Links to The Network can be found on the Web sites of the Office of Internal Audit, Office of Legal Affairs and Human Resources Intranet.

"There are a team of people that (are) on-call that are very professional in nature. They are very experienced company that has been established for awhile," Guthrie-Hann said.

The Network is extremely detailed, putting together a report whether the claim is called in or received online. Notification of the incident is sent to the campus as soon as the claim is filed, though complete confidentiality is upheld.

Selected by the Board of Regents, the cost of the hotline is very minimum.

"The Board of Regents actually did most of the leg work. They went out and selected the company for us to go with, and are putting up an implementation costs and things like that. The funding for us is so minimum that it's very immaterial for us," Guthrie-Hann said.

While a banner appears on faculty, staff and student MyCats accounts, providing information concerning the Ethics and Reporting Hotline, it is only to be used by faculty and staff.

"The Ethics and Reporting Hotline is geared towards employees. (It) is for employees to report any type of concerns that they may have with the processes, procedures, the conduct going on in their areas or that they see on campus," Guthrie-Hann said. "It is really for employees to report items of abuses, fraud, unethical behavior, and things like that."

Dr. John D. Cox, associate professor of English,

also believes that the Hotline is a useful program.

"I think that it is a very good idea; that any kind of institution, particularly an institution of this size, needs some kind of system in place for people to report problems that they see, and they might not, depending on the nature of the problems that they see, be comfortable going to other people they know whether employees or their supervisors," Cox said.

While not intended for student use, a student would not be ignored if they did call the hotline.

"Obviously if a student didn't know where to go, where to turn to and they called this number, of course we would take a look at it and take the appropriate steps to look into whatever it is they are reporting," Guthrie-Hann said. "We always encourage students to talk to their deans or their faculty about their concerns, and again this is kind of geared more towards employees than students, so it's not really geared towards them."

While faculty members seem to embrace the new hotline, some would like to see the hotline opened to students as well.

"This whole system is supposed to serve (students). I am kind of a student advocate in that I want faculty inquisitions involving students that are very visible, but we have all power and (students) don't," Dr. Robert Viau, professor of English and assistant director of Honors & Scholars Program and Academic Affairs.

"The structure of the system - the hierarchy - the flow of power is on the side of faculty and administration, so I would like to see students have an outlet, a reporting mechanism too," Viau said.

Though while Viau feels strongly about allowing the students to have a voice, Cox understands why they are not included in the new hotline.

"I suppose the idea is that a student would go to a trusted faculty member, or staff member, or an employee about the problem they saw; maybe that's the hope of the system. It would be ideal if student also felt welcomed to call the hotline, but I guess I understand why (they are not)," Cox said.

In the meantime, the Office of Internal Audit is working hard to visit employees and departments on campus to inform them of the Fiscal Misconduct Policy, informing them of procedures, and encouraging them to come forward if they feel something is not right. Packets including a Question & Answers, as well as a brochure and wallet card with contact information are also being distributed. Guthrie-Hann hopes to have visited each department by the middle of February.

"It's just another tool that if an employee doesn't feel comfortable maybe coming forward to their supervisor, dean, or whoever it is to one of us here on campus, that they could report it anonymously to the hotline," Guthrie-Hann said.

Guthrie-Hann emphasizes while the hotline is helpful, direct communication is encouraged.

"If an employee sees something in the workplace, I always try to stress for them to come forward to discuss that with their supervisor or to Human Resources or to myself, or director of Legal Affairs, because then if we know who it is that's reporting it, obviously we can talk about it more with them to see exactly what it is that they saw and ask a little bit more questions," Guthrie-Hann said.

The toll-free number for The Network is: 1-877-516-3432. If you prefer, you can report your claim online by visiting www.reportlineweb.com/GCSU.



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The GCSU license plate features a column on the left and the university name across the bottom. The new plates cost \$25.

Plates

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does come with its own costs, though.

According to Georgia's Motor Vehicle Division's (MVD) website, any Georgia license plate other than the standard plate has a \$25 manufacturing fee and a \$25 annual special tag fee. Also, according to the MVD, on the license plates featuring a school design, it is not a requirement to name the county to which the vehicle is registered.

The license plate is more than just an accessory for students and alumni, though, it will also encourage prospective students to look into the school. Having the license plate will also be a great opportunity for advertisement by getting GCSU's name out there.

"It will be great when students with the license plates are driving around North Georgia or in another state and people there will be exposed to our school," said Greene. "It is a huge P.R. opportunity."

SGA hopes that,

through the sale of GCSU license plates, the school will be more well-known and produce more applicants.

Will the license plates sell as well as other spirit items, though?

Freshman Courtney Walters said, "I would definitely buy one. I think it is important for our school to be represented as a big, important school in Georgia, because a lot of people see us as being very small, which isn't the case."

Greene feels that the license plates will sell because "the students are buying more and more GCSU paraphernalia."

Walters and Greene both agree that the license plates will raise the level of GCSU school spirit.

"It will be cool to be somewhere outside of Milledgeville and to see someone driving around with a GCSU license plate like we see people with (The University of) Georgia plates," Walters said.

The license plates will ultimately create a sense of unity and pride for both students and alumni of GCSU.



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Twenty-four other Georgia colleges have license plates that endorse their school. GCSU has already sold over 500 license plates.

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Preface to the primaries: candidates and their stances

BY SALEM COOK
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&
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Never before has an election seen as much publicity so early on as the one America is consumed with now. The nation has reached almost consensus standing in believing that a change is

necessary.

With this mindset, voters are left to examine and analyze the frontrunners of the competition. By taking a closer look at the candidates, voters will hopefully decide

not only where the candidates stand on the hot issues, but also where they themselves stand on deciding which way to vote. The issues that are under examination here are: immigration,

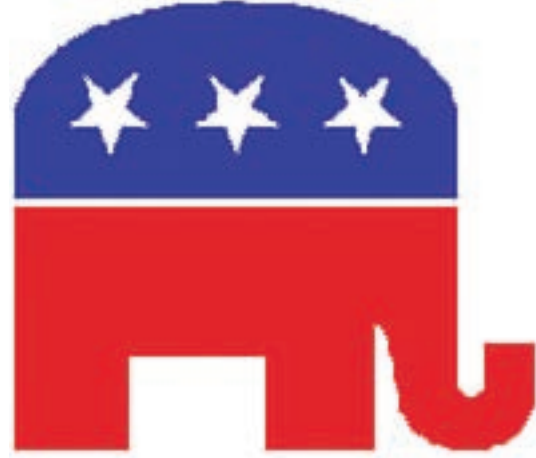
the economy and healthcare. These are important issues because these are the contingent issues that matter to everyone.

Two students will be weighing in on the issues and offer-

ing their own dose of political agenda in the process. Jason White, a senior, is the chairman of GCSU's College Republicans and Brad Speir, a senior, is the co-founder of GCSU's Young Democrats.



White



Immigration

"After Super Tuesday we'll see how big of an issue Immigration really is. If McCain is elected then it will prove not to be as big of an issue in the Republican primary, but if either Romney or Huckabee win the primary then it will prove to be a bigger issue," White said.

Economy

"The economy is in a borderline recession, the stock market is fluctuating and it is making people worried," White said. "When people get worried it adversely affects the economy."

Healthcare

"We don't want Hillary Care, but other than that, health care is a bigger issue for the Democrats because their candidates have bolder proposals," White said.



Speir

Immigration

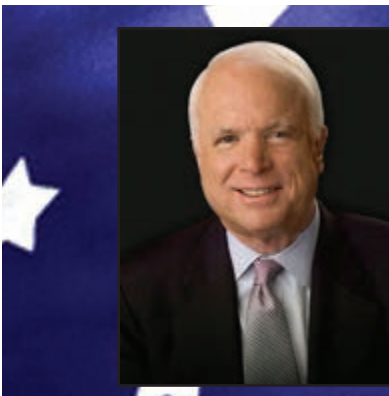
"I don't blame the immigrants that are here," Speir said. "There's got to be a reason for them to come over here and that's that Mexico's economy is in the hole. There are no jobs over there. They have even worse healthcare than we do insurance wise. I think that we should work with Mexico and get them on par."

Economy

"I think that there are things that the federal government should be expected to do such as taking care of everyone who lives in it," Speir said.

Healthcare

"Healthcare should be universal or at least universal insurance. I think if you look at any other western country or any other country that cares about itself, it's not even a debate. It's just a given (that) you take care of your own," Speir said.



John McCain



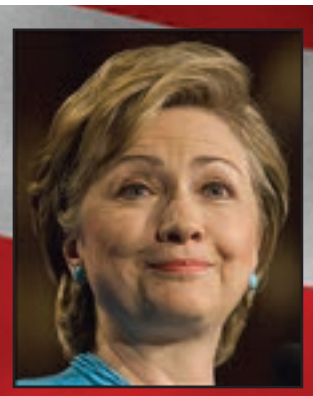
Mitt Romney



Mike Huckabee



Barack Obama



Hillary Clinton

Immigration

- Build a better relationship with Mexico and Latin America.
- Create a more efficient luggage checking system.

Economy

- Require 3/5 of Congress to approve a tax increase.
- Repeal the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Healthcare

- Increase healthcare competition.
- Bridge the gap between retirement and the time someone can receive Medicare.

www.johnmccain.com

Immigration

- Implement an enforceable verification system.
- Punish cities with large numbers of illegal immigrants.

Economy

- Eliminate the death tax.
- Eliminate the taxes on middle class savings.
- Lowering taxes in every possible situation.

Healthcare

- Add more variety to private healthcare plans.
- Decrease the cost of healthcare plans.
- Expand and deregulate private health insurance.

www.mittromney.com

Immigration

- Build a 700-mile long wall.
- Deploy 23,000 agents.
- Deploy four drone planes.
- Implement 300 miles of vehicle barriers
- Deny amnesty to illegal immigrants.

Economy

- Eliminate the federal income and payroll taxes.
- Implement the Fair Tax.

Healthcare

- Advocate a preventative healthcare system.
- Add more variety to private healthcare plans.

www.mikehuckabee.com

Immigration

- Crack down on businesses who hire illegal immigrants.
- Focus on building the economic standing of Mexico.

Economy

- Provide tax fairness for the middle class.
- Strengthen America's workforce by concentrating on early childhood education and teacher incentives.

Healthcare

- Quality, affordable and portable for everyone.
- Implement a mandatory coverage for all children.

www.barackobama.com

Immigration

- Cross-cooperation with our neighboring countries.
- Work in paving the way for illegal immigrants who are paying taxes.


Economy

- Restore equal opportunity to all Americans by strengthening the middle class.
- Focus on the basic bargain principle that hardworking Americans lead to the government being hardworking.

Healthcare

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Economy woes worry students

BY AUBREY PETKAS
STAFF WRITER

Concerns for the U.S. economy are in the minds and hearts of investors, workers and graduating seniors at GCSU.

After the Federal Reserve cut three-quarters of a percentage point of a key interest rate last Tuesday, many are speculating that the economy has already been worse off than anyone originally thought; we are most likely heading into a recession. If so, it will be the second in less than 20 years.

"A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth in GDP (Gross Domestic Product), the last official recession in the United States occurred in 2001," said Dr. James Arias, associated professor of economics at GCSU. "The chance of a recession happening now is the highest than it has been since 2001. However, we really do not know if we have entered into a recession yet. Data must be collected and analyzed; we may not be certain for at least four months from now."

Dr. Xu, professor of economics at GCSU said, "Recession is a part of the business cycle. Just as the country experiences booms and peaks in growth, it also experiences recessions."

However with recessions comes less funding for GCSU, a harsher housing market, and the loss of jobs for many.

An economic recession will create funding issues for the college.

"Georgia College will be affected because we receive funds from the state. If the state does not have enough revenue it will cut spending to balance its budget, ultimately giving the school less money," said Xu.

The Milledgeville housing market is a perfect example of a market that has seen better times. With a possible recession on the way, there may be more "For Sale" signs springing up around town. People paying a mortgage for a home beyond their budget may find themselves without the ability to pay back their loan, in most cases, a sub prime loan. Sub prime loans are for those with low incomes and low credit scores.

"The slowdown will affect the job market. As firms do not hire as much,



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The stock market fell significantly in the past week leaving investors nervous and many people wondering if the economy is slipping into a recession, including GCSU students, who fear for the availability of jobs after graduation.

students, especially graduating seniors, will be directly affected," said Arias.

Many may find that a job offer they received before graduating may not turn into a reality if the slow down in the market continues.

"If a student graduates in May and finds there to be no jobs available for her, it could have a very large impact. A ripple effect could occur; causing current juniors and sophomores to be affected as well," said Xu.

A back-up in the job market is not something anyone in college is looking forward to.

"This could be really crappy, especially for me. It's hard enough to find a good job as it is. It sucks; I'll probably have to work at Starbucks or something and have to wait to do something with my major. I guess that's something I'm going to have to accept," said Colleen O'Hara, a senior at GCSU.

This may be something many students may have to accept as well.

Jessica Yount, a senior at GCSU said, "It is frightening to think that

when I finally enter into the real world and the job market I won't be accepted. I'm a senior but I've decided to stay an extra year to graduate so I can get a second major." This might be one of the best routes for students to travel.

With an almost inevitable slow down in the economy approaching many may be scrambling for new ideas. Some much needed advice for seniors and students alike could be surprising.

"Graduate school could be another option for students. If the alternative is a job market without the jobs, take extra steps to get noticed. Don't rush. Take your time getting through school," said Arias.

Standout from the crowd, take internships and study abroad. Consider graduate school.

The official dating of recessions and business cycles is done by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). For more information, visit <http://www.nber.org/cycles.html>.

Accounts

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The new system has replaced Mycats as the way to pay payments. The student account center features payment plans and has an option to state whether a student wants their refund check mailed or held for pick-up. Students may also still pick up paper bills at the business office.

Furthermore, the new account centers permits students to keep track of their account activity.

"When students pay in their accounts the system keeps records of their actions and students can run queries of their account history," Ennis said.

The only feature the center lacks is access to forms needed for tax purposes, which are still located in Mycats.

The school notified families of the change last semester.

"We sent brochures out with the last paper statements explaining what was happening," Ennis said. "We also sent out emails notifying when the new account center was coming and when it was ready for use."

The new system has been out for a week and

the transition has gone well.

"The transition has gone smoothly," Ennis said. "There have been a couple of e-mails and phone calls of questions, but there are already people paying online."

SGA President Ryan Greene believes the new system will solve a lot of problems but will not necessarily influence students greatly.

"Truthfully, I think the new system is beneficial. But I do not think it will directly impact students, because parents manage a lot of the payments," Greene said.

One future plan of the student account center is to offer students the option to directly deposit their refund check into their bank accounts. Freshman Whitman Morgan would like to see direct deposit available.

"I live an hour to an hour and a half away, and it would be nice if my refund check went straight into my bank account so I didn't have to run home and deposit it myself," Morgan said. "It would have been nice to have this done earlier but I am glad the school has come around. I think the system is necessary and useful in keeping everyone up to date."

New Student Account Center

1. No more paper bills.
2. Receive new email notifications as new bills are posted.
3. View most recent statement and billing history.
4. See current account activity since last statement.
5. Make payments using credit card or electronic check.
6. Make payments for housing and confirmation deposits.

Students, faculty change opinions about abortion

BY AMANDA BODDY
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU students and faculty reflect on the changing attitudes towards abortion 35 years after the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion in the Roe versus Wade case.

Last Tuesday marked the thirty-fifth anniversary of Roe v. Wade, calling for a moment of consideration on how the legislation and perceptions of abortion have evolved over the past three and a half decades.

Statistically speaking, the biggest change in abortion has been the decrease of abortion. After peaking in the 1980s, abortion rates have steadily declined each year at an average of .5 percent, due in part to easier access to contraceptives and increased sex education, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

However, even though abortion rates are decreasing, legislation to limit abortion has increased. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, which made an abortion in the second-trimester a criminal act, as well as state laws requiring parental consent of abortions for minors, a 24-hour "abortion waiting period" and the proposal of a Human Life Amendment, all threaten to reduce the initial precedence of Roe v. Wade.

With declining abortion rates and increased abortion-limiting legislation, it seems as if attitudes towards abortion are shifting in the opposite direction. Yet a majority of

Americans—around 73 percent—identify themselves as pro-choice, according to a Guttmacher Institute poll.

However, many claim it is the terminology of the abortion argument that muddles the issue in a moral gridlock.

Jennifer Graham-Stevens, GCSU's Women's Resource Center coordinator, explains the often-misunderstood definition of pro-choice. "Pro-choice is not necessarily pro-abortion but it is just allowing women the option of what choice is best for them," she said.

The issue of choice, some believe is more central to Roe v. Wade than the issue of abortion. Or as Dr. Barbara Funke, professor of health education, explains: it is more about the right to choose, than the right to an abortion.

Unlike GCSU students, Funke remembers the time before abortion was a legal choice for women.

"The difference with college students is that abortion has always been legal for them, they have never had to think about a world without the choice," Funke said.

For most GCSU students, attitudes towards abortion include a hybrid belief in both pro-choice and pro-life stances.

To Brooke Lucas, senior accounting major, the legality of abortion makes her pro-choice even though morally, she is pro-life.

"I personally don't think abortion should be allowed,

"Lucas said, "but if you make it illegal, there would just be more problems, so I think it should be a legal and safe option for women."

Rebekah Clarke, who identifies herself as pro-life, states that she is against the decision of Roe v. Wade, but that abortion will still more than likely remain legal. "I think making limits on (abortion) is a step in the right direction but I don't think it will ever get to a total ban (on abortion) because we are past the point of no return. You can't give people rights and then take them away," Clarke said.

Fellow self-proclaimed pro-lifer, Justin Reeves agrees. "I don't know if (abortion) can be legislated because you can't legislate morals," Reeves said.

For Kim O'Toole, founder of the GCSU Feminists, any attempts at restricting the decision of Roe v. Wade infringes on the pro-choice belief.

"Making abortion illegal is like domestic violence against women on a governmental scale. Women should not have to conform to a society's morals that don't have their best interests at heart."

Amid blurred moral definitions of what it means to be pro-choice or pro-life, the consensus around GCSU seems to show that upholding the Roe v. Wade legalization of abortion is just as important and relevant as it was 35 years ago.

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OUR VOICE

Be sure to exercise your rights

A word commonly referred to in our nation is freedom. The founding fathers of the United States decorated the Constitution with certain inalienable rights no person should be denied.

We all know what these rights included: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, petition and our favorite the press. Unfortunately, they forgot one essential right, the right to vote.

When the Constitution was written, only white male property owners (about 10 to 16 percent of the nation's population) had the right to vote. The requirements to restrict the right to vote would diminish over the next two centuries. In the early 1800s, states gradually dropped property requirements for voting.

Women and African Americans were originally denied this basic right. These minority groups would protest for decades to be granted this right. In 1870, the fifteenth amendment was ratified, prohibiting the restriction of voting rights "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

This did not mean that states did not try to prohibit African Americans from voting. Florida and ten other states established a poll tax to block out African Americans, and Mississippi adopted a literacy test to stop some of them from getting to the polls.

Women on the other hand had to wait even longer. It was not until 1920 that the nineteenth amendment was ratified that gave women the right to vote.

The gates were let wide open in 1971 when the twenty-sixth amendment lowered the voter age requirement to 18.

Do you see any contrast between these three amendments? The first two amendments mentioned were protested rigorously. Females and African Americans were unyielding in achieving this right and they eventually earned it. They initially did not have the right and would not have been granted the right if they did not fight for it.

This is not so for the 18-21 age range. Why not? We're old enough to serve in the military and die for our country, so aren't we entitled to helping to choose our leader?

While this might seem like it would be the case, many people in that age range feel very apathetic about the entire voting process. It's a shame, really.

Most people say that you don't value something unless you earn it. Think about your car. Students who paid for their cars themselves have a higher value for it, because they know how hard it was to acquire.

Young voters take advantage of their right to vote because they did not earn it. If we were denied the right to vote would things change? We believe it would.

Take advantage of your rights. We are a 'government by the people.' We make the decisions and it is our obligation to let our voices be heard. Stop complaining about our government and be proactive Tuesday.

Go Vote.

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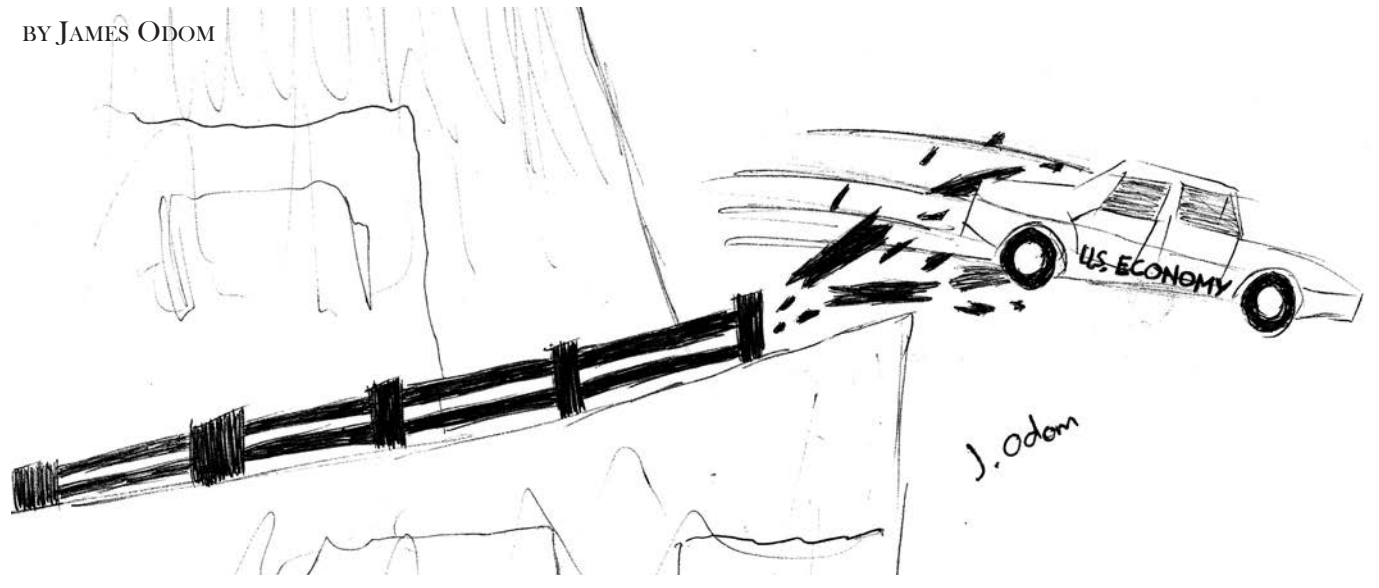
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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Democrats a corrupted Robin Hood



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

Every election year Robin Hood comes out of Sherwood Forest and into the American political landscape. Almost always Robin Hood takes the form of a Democrat. In this election, he has taken the form of John Edwards, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Throughout their speeches, they have often made mention about how the income gap between rich and poor is way too large. Throughout their careers in the Senate they have authored and voted for bills which would take money, through taxes, from individuals who earned their income to give to individuals that didn't earn anything.

You may think that I'm complimenting Democrats like Edwards, Clinton and Obama by comparing them to a popular hero like Robin Hood. But sadly many Americans fail to recognize that Robin Hood is potentially the biggest economic villain in the world.

The example set by Robin Hood is stealing from the rich to give to the poor. In terms of modern day America that would be stealing money from hard-working Americans who

accumulated their wealth through labor, intelligence, talent and perseverance. Already the government tries to act like Robin Hood by punishing working Americans through a progressive income tax rewarding those who don't work through the use of welfare and numerous entitlement programs.

To be perfectly honest, I see no problem with the income divide. There is a very good reason for the income divide in America. The American Dream is the idea that anyone can come from any beginnings and, through their intelligence, the sweat on their brow and their raw desire to succeed, can end up being a very rich person. There are plenty of examples of these people, and with every day that passes by, more and more Americans live the beautiful life of the American Dream. With the idea built into our capitalist system that "you get what you earn," there will be some people who work very hard and thereby get a lot and become extremely rich, and there will be others that don't work as hard and won't be as rich.

There are two competing philosophies which fueled half a century of cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the United States we have the Capitalist economic system which can be summed up as "equality of opportunity." Some people take this opportunity and are a resounding success. Others choose to pass on the opportunity usually out of laziness. The Soviet Union, and other socialist nations have a Communist

economic system which can be summed up as "equality of ends." This means no matter what you do, how hard you work or how smart you become, you will never be able to fare better in goods or money than your less hard-working neighbors. It's not a surprise that after less than 80 years in existence communist Russia went from Superpower to economic ruin because of this philosophy.

Robin Hood and American liberals in general are propagating this idea of "equality of ends." Maybe they don't support making everyone completely monetarily equal, but they certainly have expressed their desire to make the hard-working rich more equal to the poor. If you don't believe me, then just take a gander at the economic stimulus package that Democrats in Congress are pushing for. They want 35 million families that don't pay income taxes in America to get an income tax rebate. However, under their plan individuals that are making over \$75,000 won't get any rebate at all. Democrats are literally proposing giving tax rebates to Americans who didn't pay a penny in taxes and don't even consider giving a tax rebate to the people who paid tens of thousands of dollars in taxes. Democrats are seeking to extend unemployment benefits in this plan along with food stamps. A problem with the economy is that the unemployed are not working and Democrats want to take from the hard-working upper, middle and lower individuals to pay more

money so people will be able to continue not to work.

It's easy for Robin Hood to give away money to the poor; it wasn't his money in the first place. It's easy for Democrats in congress to promise money for poor Americans, because it was never their money either. True charity comes from the heart and not the taxpayer's wallet.

In the upcoming election season you will hear many politicians mention that they support "re-distributing" the wealth in America. This is a flawed term. "Re-distributing" makes it sound like money in America was originally "distributed." Just like teachers always say they don't distribute grades, the students earn grades. Money isn't distributed, it is earned.

There are some people in America that are poor because of any number of reasons completely outside of their control. Do they deserve charity? Of course. But the government isn't that successful with charity. Bureaucracy causes the loss of 85 percent of the money in the welfare system. Our government likes to throw a whole bunch of money at a problem and claim right away that it has been solved. And sometimes even money isn't the solution. Before I can believe Robin Hood or any Congressional Democrat a hero, I would like to see them give of their own personal money to help those in need instead of forcing every working American to.

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Democrats can bring needed change



BY JERRY CALBOS
COLUMNIST

Change. A word that can be explained within itself. It doesn't need a meaning, because most people know what the implication of the word is.

Some people like to talk about change until your ears "start bleeding" (as my sister calls it, when one talks too much), while others ignore the call for it. This is especially true during this year's presidential campaign. With so much talk about change, who is the best candidate to implement it?

I have a candidate in mind, but to appease liberals and conservatives alike, I don't believe any candidate can implement all the changes he or she

wants, regardless of party. On the other hand, I believe one party has a little bit more of an upper hand on change than the other one. The Democrats look good this year; while they may disagree on little issues, they have a basic idea of the issues at hand. The following is a list of the major issues at hand this year (especially for those of you who have been living under a rock since Christmas of 2006).

We need a change in our international affairs and policy realm. Now that the British have been slowly taking their soldiers out of Iraq, all the candidates running for president voted for the troop surge, and thus to extend our stay in the middle of this horrid civil war.

Meanwhile, Americans here are waiting for the fall out of the housing crisis: people who should not have gotten loans did receive them and bought houses that normally would have been way out of their range. This has thrown the economy into a spiral, including a possible recession (we won't know until the end of the third quarter this year).

Graduating this year? You may be looking for a job in a weaker U.S. economy than last year, or the year before, which you can not only thank the housing crisis but also China and India for that matter. According to the Foreign Trade Statistics of November 2007 (put out by the U.S. Census Bureau), the U.S. had a balance of -\$63.1 billion. And yes, that is a negative balance.

While those issues are being debated, from California to Georgia, farmers will have a heck of a time getting all their crops picked and ready for market. The reason is there are not as many migrant workers as there were last year, thanks to various state and local laws, which hindered their coming into America to look for a better life than they have in their home country.

Therefore, with fewer choices in fruits and vegetables and rising oil prices, you can bet your bottom ... no wait ... you can bet your last dollar that you won't be eating as healthy again this year. That is sad, since much of America does not get

enough fruits and vegetables as it is. College students are actually among the worst in this category.

However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. GP is looking at a higher gross quarterly and annual profit than last year, since America is competing with another country, which has a billion and a half people for this precious black gold. You know that country over there that is forcing our trade gap. You guessed it: China!

While the Republicans are squabbling over whom sounds more like Reagan, without even talking about getting anything done, the Democrats are promoting their message of change. Democratic candidates from the most popular (Obama) to the one who calls himself "the Sea Biscuit" of this race (Kucinich) can sense something stirring in the air among Americans dissent with the current regime, and they can and will act on their rhetoric of change.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SGA doing plenty for students

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the blunt non-factual remarks made towards SGA in last week's message listed in "The Litter Box." The writer states that "SGA has ignored the student body to satisfy their own political agenda." Let me say first hand that the main agenda on the mind of the people in SGA is to be the voice of the students, for the students.

The writer then questioned the purpose of the organization - also calling out to what issues have been addressed and if the people within it even care. I can assure to everyone that these students do more than just care about tending to the concerns of the students. SGA consists of 30 student volunteers who give anywhere between 3

and 12 hours a week, just to aim to make a difference in our collegiate community. The allegation that there is some corrupt ideology behind SGA is false and has no concrete information associated with it.

Last fall SGA fought for and got the hours of the Depot increased along with the amount of available commuter lot spaces. Senators spent countless hours drafting nearly \$6,000 in bills to be allocated to and benefiting the RSOs (Recognized Student Organizations) on campus. SABC (Student Activities Budget Committee) and ATFC (Academic Travel Fund Committee) also received several thousand dollars to fund student endeavors.

This semester SGA is funding the Sister Hazel concert on Feb. 29. Along with increasing night safety

on campus, the organization is planning to bring a free online music system available to all students as well as the possibility of Fall Break. The Executive Council rigorously continues to meet with school faculty and advisors to discuss the concerns of the student body to be addressed.

SGA thrives to listen to the students and work diligently to resolve their concerns. GCSU students can submit any issues or suggestions they have directly on the front page of Mycats, the SGA suggestion box located in the main entrance of the library or by contacting the Executive Council directly at sga.gcsu.edu.

Sincerely,

David McLaughlin
SGA Senator

RSA goes out of way for students

Dear Editor,

"The Resident Student Association is established to represent resident students in matters which concern their welfare; promote academic, cultural, intellectual, social, and leadership development among resident students; and to stimulate an interest in and responsibility for self-governance." - The RSA Mission Statement.

We would like to take a moment to discuss what the RSA Mission Statement means to us as the General Assembly of RSA and to you the on-campus students of GCSU.

It is our goal to represent the views and opinions of on-campus students not only to the administration but to the campus and community of Milledgeville.

In addition to the numer-

ous social programs RSA has hosted so far this year, the organization has worked to improve our campus and community in many ways. By hosting resident forums and working with administrators, we have successfully redefined visitation policies - impacting every resident on campus. Through grass-roots efforts and hours of hard work, we are making progress toward a housing-wide recycling program. In the near future, you will see additional benches and bike racks thanks to the work of RSA. We have also coordinated community service projects benefiting organizations such as Relay for Life and the local cancer center here in Milledgeville. These are some of the many examples proving the value of RSA.

RSA is comprised of

elected representatives from each hall and meets weekly to discuss any issues that may impact on-campus students. As an on-campus student you are already a member of RSA and at any time you may attend our opens meetings and bring to light any topic for discussion.

If the motives or actions of RSA are in question in your mind, we invite you to our next meeting on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Foundation Hall classroom where you will have the opportunity to discuss your concerns. It is only through the honest exchange of ideas and opinions that we will truly benefit students and the GCSU community.

Sincerely,

The Resident
Student Association
General Assembly

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In the article "'Vagina' searches for new faces" in the Jan. 25 issue of The Colonnade, Lindsay Bailey was incorrectly attributed. She will be performing in "The Vagina Monologues" doing a segment called "Because he liked it."

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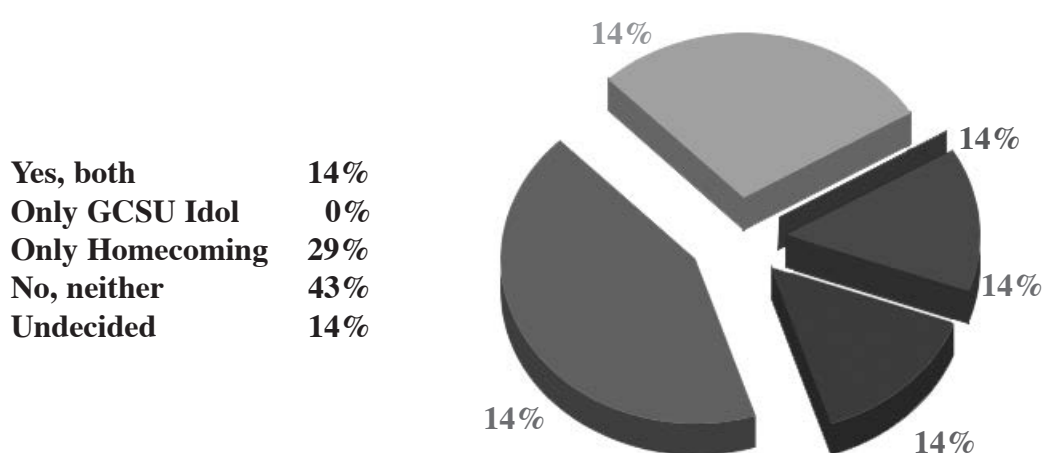
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Are you going to GCSU Idol and/or Homecoming 2008?



Next week's question:

Will you vote in the Georgia Primary on Tuesday, Feb. 5?

Vote online at gcsunade.com



Are you voting in the primaries this Tuesday?



"Yes, I think if you want to complain about the government you should at least vote and earn it."

Alecia Vinson, freshman, undeclared



"I'm registered so yes!"

Macenzie Hall,
junior, outdoor education



"I'm not registered. I just haven't found time to, but I've been tuning in."

Brad Winger, junior, math



"Yes, I think this is one of the most venerable elections of the century. We can make history. Our age group can make history. Why not take part in it? We have that gift as U.S. citizens."

Simone Jameson,
sophomore, mass communication



"No, because I really don't care for any of the candidates."

Michael Jarvis, sophomore, undeclared

Reported by Erin Gish

The Litter Box

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To the masterminds who create the Bobcat shuttle route: What ARE you people thinking? Let's pick a plan and stick to it. (Hint: The one from two years ago didn't take 30 minutes to make a two mile trip!)

What's up with long vents? I mean, don't they have those things called "Letter To The Editor"?!

The Litter Box has been less interesting to read week after week. Could some intelligent people start posting please?

NOTE: The staff of The Colonnade decided to run this vent as it was received and leave in this misspelling. The Colonnade appreciates irony.

If you can't see what SGA is doing on campus for all of us, you must not be paying very much attention.

Hey this is Joelbear. I haven't talked to you in a while! Just venting to ya'll! I love my housing situation this year! Girls always come over and the guys are great! The guys make a happy Joelbear, but the girls make a happier Joelbear ... If you know what I mean. I don't even have to call the girls ... girls call me and you know what? Joelbear gets what Joelbear wants and he don't have to try. Joelbear grrrrrrrrrowl. Peace!!!

GCSU seriously needs to use all of the fees we pay for transportation and put it toward buying more "big" shuttles. My friends and I live on campus in the dorms, and by the time the little bitty shuttle reaches Wells and Sanford, Parkhurst residents are the only people who get picked up basically. This is due to the many people who want to ride there (which I don't blame them with the crazy weather lately), but then there are no seats left for any of the other "dorm dwellers." Small Shuttles + big mob of people at Parkhurst = not enough room!

Dear boys upstairs: keep it up. I'm just waiting for the night you wake us up. My suitemate is a ninja. You're going doooowwwwn!!!

Congrats to everyone who has recently been accepted to the Mass Comm Program! We did it! I'm so proud!

Come on people!! Drive the correct way through the Adams lot! It shouldn't be that hard for college students to figure out!

Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name **ColonnadeVent** using AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), or by E-mail to colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu, with the subject 'Vent.'

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Meet the Idols



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Mallory Jones



Jason Lamson

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GCSU IDOL

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

One student will bask in the glory of being 2008's new GCSU idol this year, and one lucky non-profit organization will also reap the rewards.

A weekend of performances will highlight and showcase ten very talented students on Feb. 1 with a separate benefit concert and results show on Feb. 2. Shows will be held in Russell Auditorium and the Student Activities Center's Magnolia Ballroom.

However this year, the spotlight is more than just for that one lucky idol. The spotlight will also shine on the winner and philanthropy of the winner's choice. And while ticket prices maybe higher than in recent years, the money will be going to a very deserving non-profit. Presenting the idol hopefuls and the guide to one of this semester's most exciting event.

First contestant Ashley Lora, is a junior art and photography major from Metter, Ga. Her chosen non-profit is Painted Turtle Camp, an innovative camp and family care center for children with life-threatening diseases.

Second contestant Mary Zehner, is a junior Mass communications major from Conyers, Ga. Her chosen philanthropy is the Susan G. Komen Foundation supporting research for the cure of breast cancer.

Jason Lamson of Richmond Hill, Ga., is a freshman pre-engineering major and will be representing American Diabetes Association. It is the nation's leading nonprofit health organization advocating for the research and providing information about diabetes.

Representing St. Jude's Children's Hospital is sophomore math education major, Casey Moore of Woodstock, Ga. St. Jude's Children's Hospital is an internationally

renowned organization that leads the fight to finding cures and saving children with pediatric cancer.

All the way from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, is senior Ajayi Monell. Monell is a mass communications major that will be representing the Big Brothers Big Sister's Club (BBBS) of Milledgeville. BBBS works with children between the ages of 6 to 18 and matches them with a mentor to help reinforce positive attitudes and foster professional one on one relationships.

Brittany Lewis, a junior mass communication from Atlanta, Ga., will be benefiting Children's Miracle Network. CMN is dedicated to raising funds to improve and save the lives of countless children at hospitals across North America.

From Milledgeville, Ga., is sophomore psychology and criminal justice major Marlon Washington. Washington will be helping Habitat for Humanity. A Christian non-profit organization, Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent and affordable housing for people in need.

Whetherly Peacock of Dublin, Ga., is a junior nursing major. She will be helping National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest mental health organization that is dedicated to helping and improving the lives of persons and their families living with serious mental illness.

Representing Young Life of Baldwin County is sophomore mass communications major, Dustin Wilson who hails from Trenton, Ga. Young Life is a non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to helping young people find Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

Mallory Jones, a senior mass communications major of Rome, Ga., will be benefiting Autism Speaks. Autism Speaks merged with National Alliance for Autism Research is the world's largest organization advocating autism.

The prices of the tickets for this year's show has gone up considerably, however, Allia Carter, assistant to the vice president and one of the organizers behind this year's festivities, believes that students will not be disappointed with the production.

"We have made sure to make this event bigger and better this year," Carter said. "The money will also help a great cause so not only will they be enjoying the show but they will also help the community."

Among the panel of experts will include third-year judge Dr. Jennifer Flory, who is the director of choral activities and an associate professor of music here at GCSU.

"The talent just keeps getting better every year," Flory said.

Flory embodies the "nice" persona of Paula Abdul, the American Idol judge from which the GCSU Idol version was derived from.

"I don't mind being the nice one," Flory said. "I like to look at it as constructive criticism. Besides, they all had to audition for this. I'm here to give feedback. Not to make them cry."

Another judge, Phillip Joiner, will be returning this season as perhaps the snarky judge ala Simon Cowell. Joiner is a GCSU alumni and has been in the past a regular fixture with the popular GCSU Jazz Band.

A special guest judge will also be joining the panel. Jimbeau Hinson, is a successful country songwriter. He has written hit songs for artist such as David Lee Murphy, John Conley and Brenda Lee among others.

A special guest, Jennifer Cash, assistant director of the University career center will also be at the show.

The 'Idol' Lowdown

GCSU Idol

When: Friday, Feb. 1
Where: Russell Auditorium
Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m.

GCSU Benefit Concert

Winner will be announced at this time
Featuring The Dave Matthews Tribute Band
When: Saturday, Feb. 2
Where: Magnolia Ballroom
Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m.

*Tickets are \$10 for GCSU students, faculty and staff for each event unless tickets are purchased in advance either through a contestant or by calling 478-445-6293

Idol Guide

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The big difference between all the previous shows and this year's is the two show extravaganza.

The ten talented contestants will be performing on Friday, Feb. 1 and the winner of the competition will be announced at the benefit concert which will feature the Dave Matthews Tribute Band.

"I'm really excited about this year's show because I've never been before," Brittany Bader, freshman special education major, said. "I'm rooting for my friend Ashley (Lora) but I'm also there to have a great time."

This year's competition is expected to have the largest crowd yet. The popularity of the program and the impact it has had with

the school has made the GCSU Idol the winner of "Program of the Year" in the Bobcat Awards the previous year.

Preliminary auditions were held last semester and more than doubled the number of hopefuls for this spring's showcase.

"I didn't get to try out for this year's show," Laura Bowden, a junior English major said. "But I definitely heard that it was getting competitive."

Danielle Thomas, a junior Spanish major, is quite impressed with the showcase.

"Having events like this makes weekends fun for students," Thomas said. "It's something to look forward to and something to do that is fun."

The event is sponsored by GCSU's NAACP, SGA and Hands on Milledgeville.

Meet the Judges...



Jimbeau Hinson

Special guest
and Hit-Country
Songwriter

Dr. Jennifer Flory

Director of Choral
Activities and
Assistant Professor
of Music GCSU



Phillip Joiner

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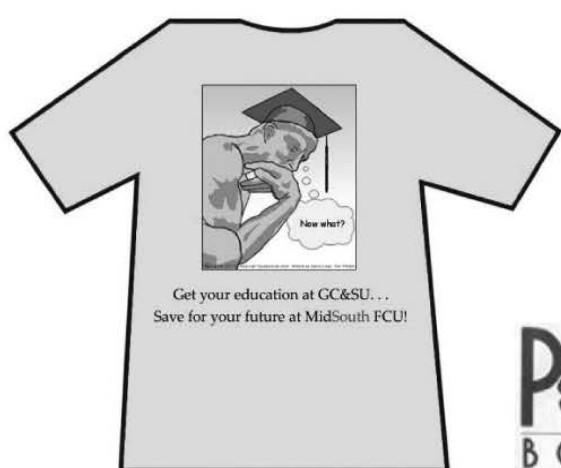
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Sharing living spaces

TIFFANY BISHOP
STAFF REPORTER

It is that time when students are beginning to decide on next year's living arrangements. As many people have found, choosing a good roommate is numero uno in long-term happiness.

Whether you choose to room with a best friend or opt to go into a lottery, living in a new environment can be an eye opening experience about yourself and the person you are sharing a space with.

To make sure you are all on the same level when it comes to how you think the living arrangements ought to go, you and your roommate(s) should have a heart-to-heart and discuss key issues at the beginning, so if issues occur later in the year, they will be easier to address.

Here are some topics, and real life stories, that you can use to spur a discussion:

What will you and your roommate share?

Property ownership is a strong reason roommates do not get along. Dogs mark their territory and so do roommates. Discuss food, toiletries and even

clothes when indicating what is and is not common ground.

Amanda Duckworth, a senior marketing major, had a roommate that would help herself to anything.

"My roommate use to steal my underwear out of the dryer," Duckworth said, "and she stole a pair of \$200 jeans."

Lauren Schmus, a senior management major, had a roommate who wouldn't share anything.

"My roommate would keep her pots and pans under her bed," Schmus said. "Anytime we used her stuff, she would come bang on our doors and yell at us."

How important is being clean to you and your roommate?

If your space shows you are OCD or that you are a run-off of the city dump, your roommate needs to know and vice-versa.

Kelsey Croyle, a sophomore English and journalism major, got into huge arguments with her roommates over cleanliness.

"I've gotten into screaming fights because my roommates don't clean," Croyle said. "They said they were going to pick it up, but they weren't. I've

lived with my roommates for two years. We're separating now, and it's made us closer. We were too close of friends to live together."

How do you and your roommate handle responsibilities?

Already having a job or bills can give you a clear indication on what you will be like with responsibilities, such as paying the power bill on time so it doesn't get turned off.

Sarah Dunn, a senior marketing major, now lives by herself because her roommates were not reliable.

"I don't have any good roommate stories," Dunn said. "The main issues were cleanliness and bills. I wasn't clean, and they didn't pay the bills on time."

Answering these questions may help you decide if your future roommate is a match for you. If you are armed with the knowledge that your roommate is a slob who doesn't pay bills on time, you can't get mad when it happens. Over all, just being aware and understanding of each other will help immensely in the long run.

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Which movie will reign supreme?

'No Country for Old Men'

BY CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

A man goes out hunting for antelopes, notices a mysterious trail of blood that leads to a string of bodies in the middle of nowhere, and amidst the grisly aftermath of a bad deal, takes a bag of money and tries to move on. Some might say that this is a man who is already intertwined with the original deal, but the Coen Brothers go far beyond the obvious and show the true meaning of desperation in the common man, as well as the determination of the good and the bad in "No Country for Old Men."

When common low profiler Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin) accidentally stumbles on a circle of dead bodies after an illegal exchange gone wrong, he follows a trail of blood which leads him to a case filled with money, and slips away undetected ... or does he?

With an escaped psychopath (Javier Bardem) on his trail, and a local sheriff on the verge of retirement (Tommy Lee Jones) trying to protect him, Moss' fabled journey to a life of enrichment is about to become a trail of blood, sweat and tears that will change the lives of three men forever.

The Western atmosphere of cinema has been known in recent years to be a more independent circuit for filmmakers, but the genre that Clint Eastwood and John Wayne defined has really catapulted itself back into the mainstream this year; starting with "3:10 to Yuma," and now this new masterpiece from the

acclaimed Coen Brothers. The fame of these two brother/partner directors really took off in 2000 with "O Brother Where Art Thou?," and has since then only grown to newer levels, placing the Coen name into definite Oscar contention every time they co-formulate a project.

The film's opening sequence really puts the viewer in the mindset for dark drama and complexity as the Coens provide multiple shots of West Texas before sunrise and a brief dialogue of local law enforcement history from Jones.

Headed by three of Hollywood's most acclaimed faces, "No Country for Old Men" really brings out the best and worst attributes of its cast leaders. Jones still has what it takes to garner much respect from the audience. He may not be hooking the bad guys as some may hope, but with his vast intellect and comedic understanding of how the West works, his performance is certainly one of which to take notice.

However, the real significance of "No Country for Old Men" is the performance of Javier Bardem. One of the pickiest actors in the business, Bardem has undoubtedly found a perfect match for his gloomy facial expression and witty attitude as a ruthless crook with no sense of humor. The man he chases, Josh Brolin, isn't quite as spectacular as his counterparts, but his awareness, and crave of money is certainly enough to convince the

audience that he is truly a man's man, and not afraid to run with a deranged crook's money.

As much as I love to watch any great film conclude its plot points in the final act, I must say, it is only the films with unpredictable climaxes that stick in my mind the longest. My take on it is, if you've got a book to follow, then just stick with the way the writer, Pulitzer Prize winning author Cormac McCarthy, penned it. But even without a story to adapt, any dark ending will raise plenty of mixed discussion. People will always remember a controversial ending that can be taken in several ways.

The Coens may have used the darkest angles possible, but they have certainly crafted a true masterpiece in which every single scene counts.

Chris Moskaly is a cinema aficionado who has had some pretty amazing movie reviews online. Check them out at www.gcsunade.com

'There Will Be Blood'

If you can't succeed as a silver miner, then I guess you just have to go out and dig up some oil; especially if you're raising a son on your own. That's really the main gist of Paul Thomas Anderson's "There Will Be Blood."

Only with Daniel Day-Lewis heading the cast in the performance of his career, Anderson and his crew dig up a whole lot more than oil in this dark drama that will provide audiences with a widely mixed array of thoughts, and then give two and a half hours to sort them out, if that's enough time.

The basic plot of "There Will Be Blood" follows a silver miner named Daniel Plainview (Lewis) who raises a son alone, and is pretty much down and out in the mining business. He then turns to oil, and before he knows it, he becomes a phenomenal success, and

has no one to thank for it but himself. Upon learning of an "ocean" of oil hiding underground out West, Plainview and his son set out to better his fortune on a journey that will change his life, and that of those around him, forever.

Although the original idea of this story came from Upton Sinclair's novel "Oil!," director Paul Thomas Anderson still made this a project of itself. Reading the book and seeing the film was almost like getting two completely different stories.

Since "Gangs of New York," Daniel Day-Lewis has become a bit of a ghost in Hollywood over recent years, but his leading performance in this dark drama really brings out some quality in him that many viewers may have never believed.

It's easy to admire his character for the self-made fortune and his willful push to success, which really shows in a scene where he breaks his leg by falling into a mine, and then just gets back up and keeps going. But at the same time, it's difficult to overlook the selfish attitude he carries; he doesn't care about anyone, doesn't talk to anyone, and before he meets some of his relatives throughout the film, it's obvious he has no family connections, but he could care less. Oil is at the top of his priorities.

One of the more mysterious elements I noticed in this movie was the performance of Paul Dano.

It takes a while to believe that this was the same kid under a vow of silence in "Little Miss Sunshine." To portray the guy who tips Plainview off about the oil

"ocean," Dano had quite a bit to say in this one, not to mention the he also plays two parts, which I can only assume was meant to be a set of identical twins, but the fact that they never appeared in the same shot made me a little curious.

Maybe it's because "No Country for Old Men" came first, but the cinematography of "There Will Be Blood," while intriguing, was still too familiar to be that special to me. The layout of Anderson's film is well fitting to the late 1800s time frame, as well as the physical setting, but to see that same gloomy layout of Texas again, all I could think was, "good job Anderson, but the Coens beat you to it."

It's no secret as to why "There Will Be Blood" is nominated for so many Academy Awards, but like several other films this year, it can be highly debated as to just why exactly this movie is so great. While it does turn in excellent performances, and pace itself well through 158 minutes, there are still some things here that could be left for the audience to either take and run with, or just throw away all together. The ending of "No Country for Old Men" garnered plenty of "whats?" and "wows" from viewers, but "There Will Be Blood" ended with me, and several others just wondering "why?" It'll be easy for people to hate the way this film ends, but if I had to guess, I don't think there really was an appropriate way to conclude this one. It's not a perfect film, but certainly a worthy contender.

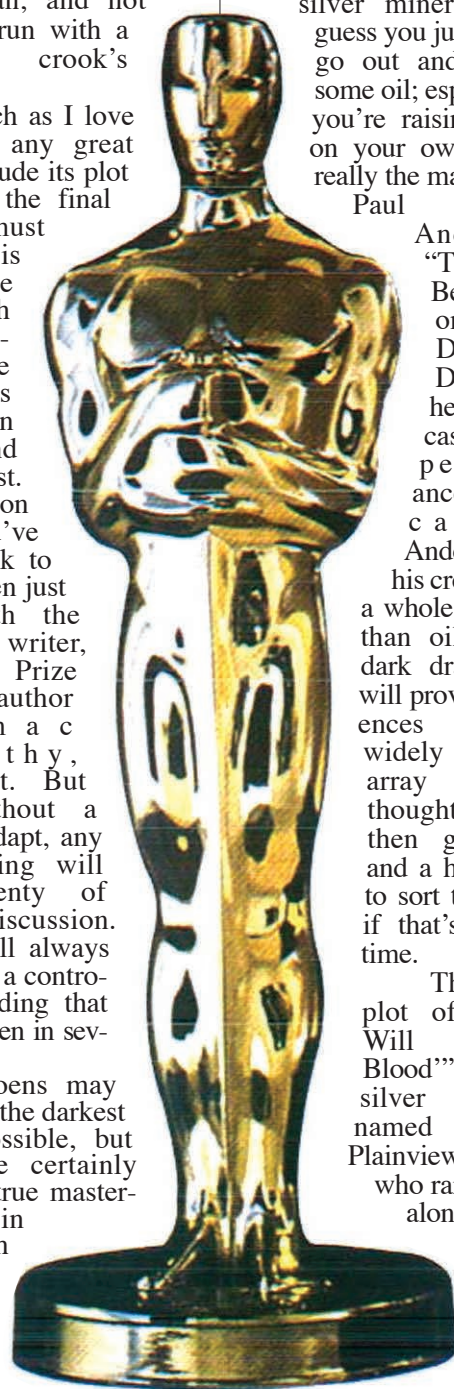


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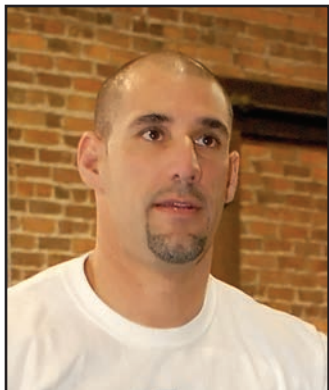
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'Doc' wins award



MARTINO

BY APRIL ARGO
STAFF WRITER

A majority of professors on campus have jobs other than teaching students why Odysseus could not get home or how to do a logarithm. Dr. Mike Martino, exercise science program coordinator, is no exception.

Martino has been at GCSU for ten years. Recently, he was named the Warren Morris Sports Medicine Person of the Year.

The award is given to people who promote and support athletic training within Georgia. Martino was given the award at the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association's annual meeting in Peachtree City on Jan. 19.

"It is always nice to be recognized by your peers," Martino said. "The interesting thing is that's not really my direct area. It made me feel good because it was outside my area. It showed that I have been working hard to promote the NSCA (National Strength & Conditioning Association), but it is not just exercise science, it is all people in the allied health professions."

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Sophomore pitcher Sean Rigney fires a fastball to a GCSU batter in practice at John Kurtz Field Monday afternoon.

Bobcat baseball: young but still confident in '08

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The No. 13 GCSU baseball team enters its 2008 campaign having lost 13 players and its head coach from last season, but the team remains as confident as ever.

The two-time defending Peach Belt Conference champions will rely on many new faces this season, most notably new head coach Tom Carty, who takes over after serving as the pitching coach the past two seasons.

"I think transitioning (head coaches) hasn't been a problem," Carty said. "When you have the success that we had with (former head coach Chris) Calciano I think that players expect success and they know that not a whole lot has changed, some little things, but you have to coach to your personality and it has been pretty easy for the guys since I have been here (as an assistant coach)."

Carty stressed that the expectations for this year's team are no different than in years passed.

"We hope to be in the conference championship hunt and get a chance to go to the (PBC) tournament," Carty said. "Hopefully we can win the games in the middle of the week and do well in this conference, that usually gets you a regional bid."

His players feel the same way. "We're the two-time defending Peach Belt champions," junior catcher Pete Paris said. "We can't be too much more confident than we are right now. We have a new squad, a lot of the kids are young, but this is a winning program and we plan to continue that."

Two familiar faces remain in the line-up from last season. Paris returns to the line-up after leading the Bobcats in hitting last season with a .341 batting average. Paris also tied for the team lead in

At a glance

Last season:

46-16 overall, 23-7 PBC
PBC Champions

Key departures:

Head Coach Chris Calciano
LHP Michael Antonini
RHP Andy Reichard
OF Justin Mills

Key returning players:

RHP Michael Newman
RHP Sean Heimpel
C Pete Paris
SS Chandler Snell

Key arrivals:

3B Brooks Robinson
OF Danny McCorkell
IF Tommy Rice
RHP Jay Clark

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Super Bowlin' at GCSU

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER

The Super Bowl, since its inception, has always been more than just a football game. At the most basic level, it is the final game of the NFL season, matching the champions of each conference against each other, but the game has always had a certain aura about it, a mystique that could not be touched by any other American sports championship.

College students all over America plan to be in front of a television on that first weekend in February. They spend money on snacks and drinks in preparation for the game, and order pizza for 20 friends.

The Super Bowl has become an event, an excuse to party and a welcome distraction from the

early-semester grind.

Here at GCSU, students choose to spend Super Sunday in various ways. Throwing a party seems to be a common choice, and for good reason.

"Watching the game with friends is just more fun," said Robert Scott, a senior business management major. "There's just more energy when you have a bunch of guys watching the game."

Most guys would agree with his assessment, fitting right into the classic image of several males packed into a living room in front of a 65-inch plasma screen.

While Scott prepares to host his own Super Bowl extravaganza, others find their own places to watch the big game. Since Milledgeville is lacking a true "sports bar," students have to take what they can

get.

"I might wind up at the Brick," said Shannon Heenan, a junior pre-mass communication major. "I work there, and we have that huge TV, so it could be cool to watch the game there."

Some students could not care less about America's biggest sporting event.

"Um ... who's playing," said Amanda Waldroup, a senior English major. "I mean, I'll watch (the game) if friends do, and if I can snack on gummy bears."

"I just want to see a good game," said Scott. "I don't really care who wins."

He may get his wish. The teams faced each other in the final regular

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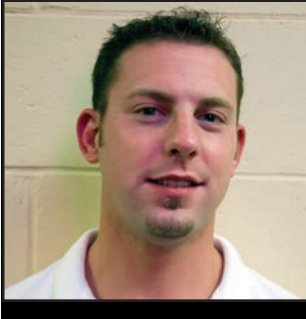
The long road home



FILE PHOTO

Junior guard Shaun Keaton takes the ball to the hole last Wednesday against Georgia Southwestern. See basketball team update on page 13.

The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

"Super Saturday"

On the eve of "Super Sunday," GCSU has its own version of "Super Saturday" right here on our campus.

Now you might be asking yourself, "what is he talking about?"

I'm glad you asked.

Let's put it simply - if you love sports, and especially if you love GCSU sports, you are in for a great day.

GCSU's No. 13 ranked baseball team concludes its opening weekend with the final contest of a three game set with the No. 1 ranked defending national champion, University of Tampa. Saturday also marks important matches for both basketball squads.

The women's match up features two teams fighting to improve their seating in the Peach Belt Conference. Currently ASU is in fifth place and the Lady Bobcats are a game behind them in seventh place.

The men's contest puts the Bobcats undefeated home record on the line against the No. 10 Jaguars.

So here is what you do to maximize your Bobcat sports intake.

Sleep in a little bit, no need to get up too early, it is Saturday, have some lunch around noon and then head over to West Campus.

When you arrive at West Campus find a spot in the bleachers at John Kurtz Field, and prepare yourself to watch two national powers battle for supremacy on the diamond at 1 p.m.

When that game concludes grab a bite to eat, and make your way to the Centennial Center.

Watch the Lady Bobcats and ASU play in their PBC matchup.

When that game is over stick around. The Bobcats and ASU will tip-off soon.

The game should prove to have a lot of energy as the two teams fight for position in the PBC.

When the final buzzer sounds the day is complete, hopefully with three GCSU victories.

Sit back, relax and think about what a day it was for GCSU sports. There aren't that many packed with this much action in our small town.

Finally it is time to head home, rest up, "Super Saturday" is over, and it is time to prepare for a gridiron battle on "Super Sunday."

THE SHORT STOP



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Monday 7:30 p.m. UNCP

Women's Basketball:

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Saturday 5:30 p.m. Augusta St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. UNCP
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. @North Ga

Baseball:

Friday 3 p.m. (DH) Tampa
Saturday 1 p.m. Tampa

Stat of the Week

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The number of Peach Belt championships the Bobcat baseball team has won in a row. The team lost 13 players from last season, but still looks to defend their titles.

Basketball squads in the mix



FILE PHOTO
Senior guard Lindsey Smith takes the ball down the court last Wednesday against Georgia Southwestern. GCSU plays Augusta State at home Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

BY MITCHELL DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Bobcat basketball season is leaving both the men's and women's team with some questions. Thankfully, these questions come with winning records and both teams still having a chance to finish with a flurry.

GCSU men's basketball is ranked third in the Peach Belt Conference behind University of South Carolina at Aiken and Augusta State University. Head Coach Terry Sellers is pleased with the team's undefeated record at home and is hopeful for future conference play.

"Here we are in the last week of January, and we're still in contention conference wise," said Sellers. "We missed a couple of good opportunities because Augusta (State) got beat last night. If we had pulled off that win Saturday we would have been tied for first but we

weren't quite able to do that."

Sellers' concerns lie with the team's performance away from their home court. A 4-4 away record is no comparison to their eight game winning streak at home.

"Even though we've played some good games on the road, conference wise we've got to step up and prove we can take care of business," Sellers said.

The next home game is Feb. 2 against Augusta State. With GCSU ranked directly behind Augusta State, there is no mistaking the importance of this match up. Sellers is asking the home crowd to come out for support.

"We really need a big crowd and all the help we can get. We need some support and energy from the crowd and we just hope to continue to play with the confidence we've been playing with at home," Sellers said.

The Lady Bobcats have been dealing with concerns since the beginning of the season. Key players have been out of commission for reasons ranging from grades to pregnancy. Despite these setbacks, Head Coach John Carrick is optimistic about the team's performance so far this year.

"They are over achieving based upon the talent that they have," Carrick said. "They're doing better. I'm pumped. They work well together. They're playing with a passion night in and night out which is enabling us to compete."

Two other teams have four losses in the PBC along with the Lady Bobcats which means the team still has a chance to do well in conference play.

Carrick's main goal for the team is to shoot around 45 percent from the floor. He believes this will push the Lady Bobcats over the edge and add a few more marks in the win column. However, his concerns not only lie with the performance of his team on the basketball court, but with the future of his players.

"I want to see everybody graduate," Carrick said. "I want to see everyone progress towards a degree and put their picture up in the locker room and just have another bunch of kids out there doing what they need to do."

The Lady Bobcats will play Augusta State at the Centennial Center Saturday at 5:30 p.m. the men's game will follow at 7:30.

Martino

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Martino is a trainer, a professor and a friend to all the athletes and other students he comes in contact with.

Jessica Greeson is a junior in the exercise science program.

"Doc, that's what we call him, is really enthusiastic about what he does," Greeson said. "I can tell he enjoys promoting exercise science. It's a privilege to work with him since he is so experienced. He is really good at what he does. I learn a lot from him and, like a lot of people, I look up to him."

Martino plays a lot of roles at GCSU as well as outside of the college. He acts as the strength and conditioning consultant for varsity athletic teams at GCSU and is the human performance lab director. He is currently serving with the NGCSA as the Southeast regional director and the state director for Georgia and was also a member of the USA Swimming Olympic Advisory Coaching Staff in 1992 and 1996.

Martino's interest in exercise science began when he was an undergraduate student at Furman University. He received a

scholarship for swimming. He was named one of the top 200 athletes in the world.

His college athletic days led him to work with athletes in the performance side of exercise science. The mentorship Martino received from two professors at Furman turned him away from pre-med and to the preventive side of medicine where he could teach people how to take better care of themselves. It also gave him the inspiration to mentor his students.

Senior Kyle Collins, a member of the GCSU golf team and Milledgeville native, has been under Doc's direction since he was 15 years old.

"To have somebody like him here, with all the experience in a small town and at our school is great," Collins said. "He is a good guy. He is willing to help everybody out. He has got a really vast knowledge to help anyone get into better shape."

Now, he not only gives students lectures on exercise science, but he gets them out into the world to practice what they learn.

"Getting my students involved outside the classroom is a big part of the program. I do a lot of work for the University with the sports teams and the depot promoting wellness throughout the campus," Martino said. "Lately, I've been getting (students) involved in the professional realm. I love the teaching, but hands on is a big part."



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Dr. Mike Martino, assistant professor of exercise science, guides senior golfer Kyle Collins in a workout at the Wellness Depot. Martino recently was named Warren Morris Sports Medicine Person of the Year by the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association.

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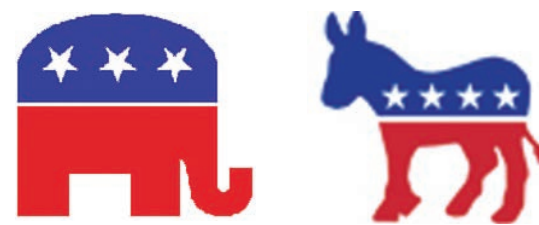
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Baseball

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home runs with seven and tallied 41 RBI's on the season.

This season Paris was named to the Preseason All-Conference Team and will be looked to as a leader.

"It's a little bit of a tough transition stepping into a leadership role but someone had to do it," Paris said. "Me and Coach Carty talked about it a little bit, and I knew I had to step up and do what I have to for the team."

Sophomore shortstop Chandler Snell also returns to his starting role.

Snell batted .306 with a home run and 35 RBI's while starting 59 games in his freshmen season.

"For Chandler the biggest thing will be from the neck up, realizing that now there's a lot of guys looking at him instead of him just being here with a group of really good seniors," Carty said. "Last year there were days when he was the only freshman on the field with only seniors around him."

The rest of the line-up will consist of fresh faces.

Three players transfer in from other colleges and are expected to make an immediate impact.

Junior Brooks Robinson comes to the Bobcats from Spartanburg Methodist College and

will play third base.

Fellow junior Danny McCorkell, who played his junior college ball at Longview Community College, the defending JUCO national champions, will man right field.

"Robinson and McCorkell are expected to take a lot on their shoulders," Carty said. "They have big shoes to fill and we brought them here because we think they can do that job."

Another transfer player, Tommy Rice, will start the season at second base. Rice has seen PBC action at his former school, Georgia Southwestern State University, where he hit .237 with 23 RBI's.

"Tommy's numbers (at GSW) weren't something to write home about, but he did play 53 games in this league and started every game there," Carty said. "He comes in as a little more of an experienced new guy. He plays all three infield positions, he plays them well, he switch hits and he can run a little bit."

The Bobcats expect to continue to have success on the mound this season.

Senior righty Sean Heimpel will assume the No. 1 starter role with the departures of Micheal Antonini and Andy Reichard to professional ball.

"I've been a No. 1 before in junior college," Heimpel said. "I just have to take that roll, step up and try to pitch like a No.

1. I've been trying to get stronger and throwing as much as possible getting ready for the season."

Heimpel put up stellar numbers in 2007, posting a 4-0 record in 64.1 innings including 11 starts.

Fellow senior Shaun Monica and sophomore Clete Jessup will join Heimpel in the rotation to start the season.

Senior Micheal Newman returns to the closing role, where he dominated opposing batter last season.

Newman joins Paris on the Preseason All-Conference Team after posting 1.81 ERA, five saves and nine wins in 33 appearances last season.

"If we can get the ball to (Newman) late it's going to be a good year," Carty said. "There's probably no one who has put up the numbers he has in three years in many Division II programs in the country."

The Bobcats will be tested right from the start this season as they host the No. 1 ranked and defending national champion University of Tampa this weekend at John Kurtz field. Friday will be a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. and the final game will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Bobcats go into the weekend expecting to play well and come away with wins.

"We have the expectations of winning two out of three, or winning all three," Carty said. "That's why you play. You play to win the games. It's not a make or break of the season situation, if we win three, or lose three it's still Feb. 1. The thing is that playing a team like Tampa you are going to learn something about yourself."

"They have become a rivalry," Carty said. "It is a series we are going to continue to keep."

The Bobcats took two out of three from the then No. 1 ranked Spartans in 2006 to catapult themselves up the rankings to No. 1. Last season, however, GCSU dropped two of the three games in the series.

Newman looks forward to starting the season against a strong Tampa team.

"It gives you something to measure yourself up to starting the season up to," Newman said. "It's my fourth time playing them every year, so it's always a good measuring stick to start off."



BOBBY GENTRY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sophomore hurler Sean Rigney throws off the mound. The Bobcats host No. 1 Tampa this weekend to open their season. Friday's doubleheader starts at 3 p.m. and the final game is set for Saturday at 1 p.m.

Students 'Venture Out' to Fl. for manatees and kayaking

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Venture Out took twelve students on a trip to Homosassa, Fla. from Jan. 25 through Jan. 27. The trip consisted of swimming with the wild manatees and kayaking in crystal clear Floridian waters.

A program devoted to providing outdoor experiences for the students of GCSU, Venture Out presents students with the opportunity of truly experiencing the great outdoors.

This trip was devoted to Florida wildlife, and in particular, the manatee.

Traveling every winter to the warm springs, the manatee is known to be one of the rare creatures that has no natural enemy. The manatee is commonly referred to as a "gentle giant," yet it can weigh up to two tons.

After leaving on Friday, Jan. 25 from the Centennial Center, the students arrived late in the night and set up camp. Waking up at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, the students were anxious to see the wild manatee.

A pontoon boat escorted Venture Out to the warm springs where the manatees were to be found. Many of the students not only had the rare privilege to swim with this endangered species, but some also had the opportunity to touch them. The students said they were surprised to learn that manatees love to have

their belly scratched.

"When I first saw them I thought they were frickin' huge and intimidating, but after hanging out with them for awhile I thought they were chill and cool," said Tyler Bivens, a freshman international affairs major.

Although some would suspect that the water was warm at 72 degrees, many of the students would disagree. Even those with wet-suits claimed to find themselves cold.

However, the manatees find these habitats are the warmest they can find. Manatees live in shallow, coastal waters and cannot survive in water below 60 degrees.

"The manatees were very gentle. They are so different than I thought they would be," said Cynthia Rychtik, a freshman early childhood education major.

Later on Saturday, Jan. 26 Venture Out took the students to the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Here the students observed some of the largest manatees recorded, weighing up to 2,000 pounds, as well as alligators, bears, the Florida panther and a hippopotamus. After the day was done the students had observed most of Florida's native wildlife.

According to the students, kayaking at Ichetucknee River State Park on Sunday, Jan. 27 was a very relaxed, peaceful journey. The trip

enabled the students to observe herons, gar fish, and turtles. A real outstanding, picturesque scene, the Ichetucknee River was truly spectacular.

"The kayaking was absolutely gorgeous. The weather was awesome and we saw so much wildlife. It was really beautiful," said Sara Wood, a sophomore art major.

Overall, the Venture Out trip was a success. Most participants exclaim that the trip was an incredible experience for all involved. Not only did students get to camp, kayak, and learn more about exotic animals, they also got to swim with an endangered species. Getting in touch with nature was a nice vacation from the demands of school for the students.

"It's a great experience. I wish more students took the opportunity to do something like this," said Warren Van Rooyen, a senior outdoor education major.

Venture Out is planning many more trips this semester for all interested. Coming up on Feb. 9 is the rock climbing trip in February. Later that month there will also be a Hiking trip to Pine Mountain. More events to look forward to include skydiving, camping and whitewater rafting. For more information email Diddy at Ventureout@gcsu.edu or call him at 478-445-2960.

Super Bowl

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season game for each, and the Giants were arguably the toughest opponent for the Patriots all year. New York kept the game close until the final minutes, and made the Pats sweat before they could celebrate their undefeated regular season.

For those who have favorite NFL teams other than those playing in the game, the choice is simple: become a casual observer such as Scott, or pick a team to cheer for, based on any number of arbitrary reasons.

"I care less about the (Super Bowl) now that the Packers aren't in it," said Heenan. "I'm leaning toward going for the Pats, just because it would be awesome to see the undefeated season."

However GCSU students feel about the Super Bowl, the NFL, or even football in general, it can be said that many people will watch the game for reasons other than simply watching a football championship.

For those students who at least want to try to care about the game, basic knowledge of the teams and the matchup is necessary.

The New England Patriots from Foxborough, Mass., face the New York Giants from East Rutherford, N.J., in the Feb. 3 showdown. The Patriots are 18-0, the first team ever to reach that mark, and look to complete the first undefeated NFL season since 1972, when the Miami Dolphins went 17-0.

The Patriots are already being talked about as one of the greatest teams of all time, and justifiably so. Their offense is prolific, having broken records for both single-season touchdowns and points

scored in 2007. Their quarterback, Tom Brady, broke the single-season passing touchdown record with 50, and 23 of those went to star wide receiver Randy Moss, yet another record.

The defense is stout, if not great, featuring three Pro Bowl players, including cornerback Asante Samuel, who will attempt to neutralize the Giants' star receiver, Plaxico Burress.

However, many gamblers have been putting money on New York as the game

quickly approaches. Perhaps they believe the spread is too high, with the Patriots being favored by 12 points.

The Giants' efficiency on the road this season could also sway opinions. Although the Super Bowl is held at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Arizona, technically a neutral site, it is still important to note that the Giants have set an NFL record by winning ten consecutive road games in a season.


The Giants' quarterback is Eli Manning, Peyton's younger brother out of the University of Mississippi, who has taken his lumps as an NFL quarterback, but emerged late this season as a composed leader who has not made the rookie mistakes he was previously guilty of.

He needs only to control the offense and make a few big plays, because the Giants have one of the best defenses in the league. New York only had one player voted to the Pro Bowl this season, defensive end Osi Umenyiora but led the league in sacks.

The matchup is certainly an intriguing one, with big-name players on both sides, revenge on the minds of the Giants' players, and the first 19-0 season in history on the line.

Wherever GCSU students watch the game, and whoever they watch it with, it is sure to be a fun evening and a satisfying close to the football season.





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1. GCSU Baseball
2. GCSU Basketball
3. The Super Bowl



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, February 1- Thursday, February 7, 2008

Friday, February 1

8 a.m. GCSU Regional Science & Engineering Fair - Centennial Center
12:30 p.m. CAPC Meeting - 216 Arts & Sciences
3 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. #1 Tampa Kurtz Field - West Campus
7 p.m. First Friday Foreign Film: Moolade (Senegal) Arts and Sciences Auditorium
8 p.m. GCSU Idol Competition- Russell Auditorium

Saturday, February 2

8 a.m. until 7 p.m. GCSU Regional Science & Engineering Fair -Centennial Center
12 p.m.- 1 p.m. GCSU's Next Top Professional Series: Dress For Success - Museum Education Room
12:30 p.m. Eric Krug Appreciation Day - Kurtz Field- West Campus
1 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. #1 Tampa Kurtz Field-West Campus
5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Augusta State - Centennial Center
7 p.m. Athletics Hall of Fame Reception and Inductions -Magnolia Ballroom
7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. Augusta State- Centennial
8 p.m. GCSU Charity Concert - Magnolia Ballroom

Sunday, February 3

3 p.m. Flannery O' Conner - Andalusia Lecture Series: Williams Sessions - Main house Dining room
7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital - Max Noah Recital Hall

Monday, February 4

5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke - Centennial Center
7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke- Centennial

Tuesday, February 5

4 p.m. Diversity in the Workplace: What EVERY Student Needs to Know to Succeed - Maxwell Student Lounge

Wednesday, February 6

12:30 p.m. How to go Transient to Another School this Summer - Maxwell Student Union Lounge
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall

Thursday, February 7

Please send calendar submissions to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.



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Public Safety Report



Refusing to pay for the ride

On Jan. 24 at approximately 1:32 a.m., Officer Smith was dispatched to a sorority house in reference to individuals refusing to pay a taxi fare. Contact was made with two students, who both appeared to be very intoxicated. One student stated he was going to pay, but had to go inside to get the money. The student then went inside, got the money and paid the taxi driver. The other student appeared to be so intoxicated to the point of passing out. She was escorted to her sorority sisters' house and they were advised to contact Public Safety if they needed further help. The other student was offered a ride to his residence, but he wanted to walk. The student was advised to not come back to that location that night.

Suspicious trespassers

On Jan. 24 at approximately 7:39 p.m., Officer Smith observed two males enter the Centennial Center through the bottom door. Contact was made with the males, who stated they had come to play basketball. Neither one was a student and they didn't have a membership to use the gym. Both were verbally banned from the Centennial Center.

Selling book could lead to scammer

On Jan. 25 at approximately 12:58 p.m., a student reported that she was trying to sell a Calculus book using Facebook and received correspondence with a man who wanted to buy the book. The man sent her a check for \$2000 and instructed her to deduct the funds and wire the excess funds back to him via Western Union. The student was suspicious and reported the activity to Public Safety along with the check and emails. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Intoxicated student disoriented

On Jan. 26 at approximately 3:06 a.m., a hall director reported an intoxicated female in the lobby of a residence hall. Officer Reonas made contact with the student, who was passed out in a chair and incoherent. She was unable to tell who she was with or where she had been. The student had been brought in by other students who found her downtown, alone, in front of Capitol City. A friend of the student agreed to take her back to her room and keep an eye on her. The case has been turned over to Student Judiciary.

Loaned iPod stolen from library

On Jan. 28 at approximately 3:26 p.m., a Library and Information Technology employee reported that a student was loaned an iPod through the library for fall semester and was to return it on Dec. 4, 2007. The student has not returned the iPod, and several attempts have been made to contact the student in reference to returning the item, but were unsuccessful. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Continued Harassment

On Jan. 28 at approximately 10:45 p.m., a student came to Public Safety to report harassing phone calls and emails. She suggested the calls and emails started in July 2007 and are still continuing. She believed she knew who was doing this. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for Further investigation.

Anger with a kick

On Jan. 25 at approximately 5:44 p.m., two students came to Public Safety to report a dispute with a suitemate. One student reported that another student had accused her of stealing a plate from her and kicked a metal stool into her leg causing a mark and a bruise. Statements were filed regarding the incident.

Information compiled by Jamie Fleming

Please go online to gcsunade.com to download the extended Public Safety Report podcast.

NOW HEAR THIS

Learn Pet CPR & First Aid

Monday, Feb. 4 all pet owners and animal lovers are welcome to attend the American Red Cross session on Pet CPR and First Aid. When your pet is having a medical emergency, you will be prepared to respond. This session will help all pet owners be reassured of how to handle an unexpected emergency and better react when your pet is in trouble. Pet CPR teaches attendees how to dress wounds, prepare pets for natural disasters, monitor their temperature and blood pressures, and even perform pet CPR. Located in Chappell Hall 102, the session will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ed Smith will be the instructor and the fee will be \$35. For more information call Jennifer James, Conference Coordinator, at 478-445-2756. Or email her at jennifer.james@gcsu.edu.

Open Figure Drawing Sessions Begin

For all students interested Figure Drawing sessions will begin Feb. 5 on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. Sessions will be held in Mayfair Hall 201. This will be an open drawing/painting class with no instruction. Students are welcome to come with their own supplies and draw in a comfortable setting. Participants will be required to chip in to pay the \$25 live model fee per session. No reservations

are needed ahead of time. Call the Department of Art at 478-445-4572 or email William Fisher at william.fisher@gcsu.edu.

First Friday Foreign Film

The International Education Center is beginning the Friday Foreign Film series on Friday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. in Arts and Sciences Auditorium. Dr. Eustace Palmer will be presenting the movie, Moolade (Senegal). The movie is about four young girls facing circumcision in a West African Village. Two of the young girls escape circumcision by committing suicide, while the two others run to a village that refused to have her own daughter circumcised for magical protection (moolade). All students are welcome to attend for free. For more information, call the International Education Center at 478-445-4789.

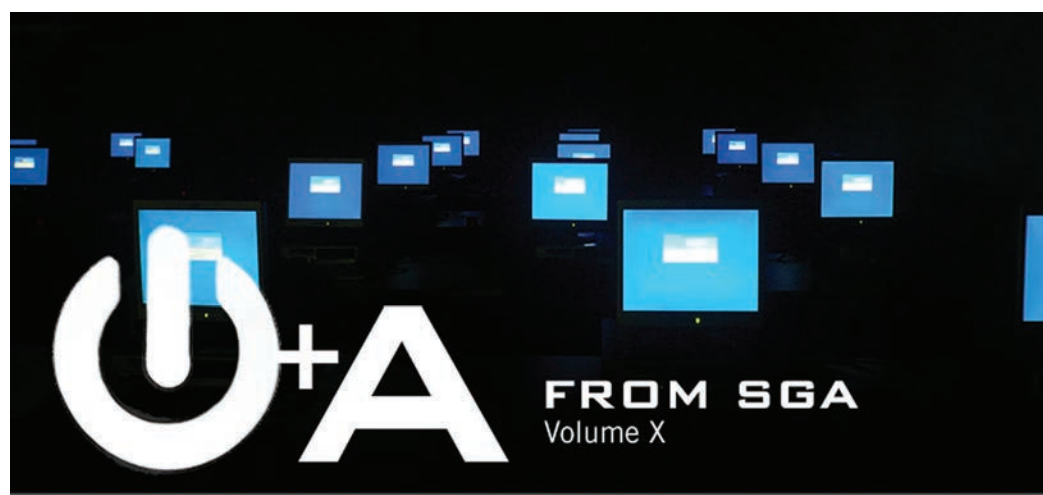
Diversity in the Workplace Employer Panel

On Feb. 5 the Career Center will be hosting "Diversity in the Workplace Employer Panel" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the MSU Lounge. There will be representatives from the IRS, Coca Cola, Enterprise, U.S. State Department, Girls Scouts of America, and The Shepherd Center. These representatives will discuss recent diversity issues and offer advice on how to get ahead in a diverse workplace. All attendees should dress

professionally. Students must register ahead of time. For a current list of registering employers attending the Career Expos and other Career Center programs, visit our web site at <http://www2.gcsu.edu/career/>.

Breakfast discussion on faith and social justice

On Feb. 5 there will be a free breakfast discussion launching All Faiths Alliance for Equity and Social Justice. The GCSU Office Of Institutional Equity and Diversity will be hosting the event. The discussion will be on the intersections of faith and social justice. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Maxwell Student Union Lounge. There will be a panel discussion with Shelley Rose of the Anti-Defamation League, Jan Swanson of the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta and Tayyibah Taylor of Azizah Magazine. The All Faiths Alliance for Equity and Social Justice is a new group seeking to provide opportunities for GCSU students, faculty and staff to come together as a diverse group of people of various faiths and work to promote greater religious tolerance and inclusion in our community. The group hopes to promote multi-faith solidarity, as well as celebrate and honor the various religious cultures at GCSU. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information, contact Annette Johnson at 478-445-4233



What is the Student Technology Fee?

Each semester students are required to pay a technology fee when they pay for tuition. This fee is currently \$60 per semester. Often, students question why they have to pay that fee, where the money goes exactly, and who determines how it is spent. Fortunately, we have a student group that makes those decisions, based on the student opinions of GCSU.

The Student Technology Fee Advisory Group (STF), comprised of students, faculty and staff, advises the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the University President regarding allocation of the fee. One reason students pay this fee, is to help maintain and upgrade the computers and software located in labs on campus. This is useful for students since many of them use technology at GCSU. Not only does the fee support computers on the Milledgeville campus, the fee also funds technology for GCSU students in Macon and Warner Robbins. The technology fees will also be used to upgrade wireless network access on campus, as well as purchase discipline-spe-

cific software for academic programs across campus.

Last semester, the STF earmarked a small portion of the fees to fund technology projects proposed by students, faculty or staff. These innovative programs will improve our learning environment, teaching tools and other important aspects at GCSU that affect our learning experience. This proposal process will be repeated every semester and students are especially encouraged to apply.

A new student web server funded by the technology fee is currently being developed. Students will be able to use this webserver as a place to post professional documents such as a resume or curriculum vitae. A group of students are currently beta-testing the web server and will recommend policies and procedures for its use. The webserver is

expected to be available to all students in Fall semester, 2008.

Students are encouraged to serve on the STF and participate in the process for technology fee allocation. Any member of the GCSU community may attend an STF meeting to discuss issues regarding technology on campus or allocation of the technology fee. This is a great way for students to see how their money is spent. Updates on the progress of STF will be posted to an informational website currently being designed by student members of the group (<http://stf.gcsu.edu>).

If you have any questions regarding the Student Technology Fee Group, or the technology fee in general, please feel free to email Dr. Julia Metzker at julia.metzker@gcsu.edu for further details.



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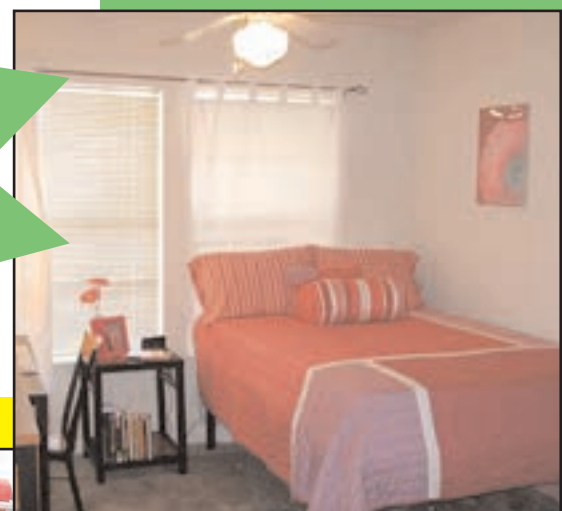
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